

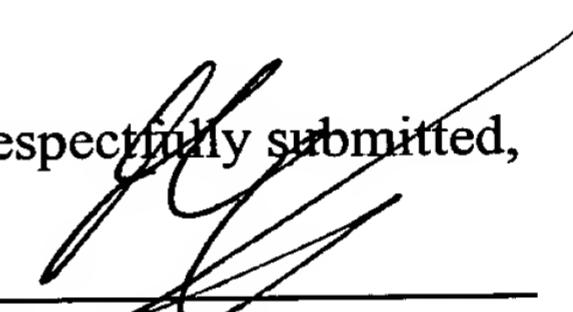
REMARKS

A new Action is required, because claims 3-4 are rejected under 35 USC 103 for obviousness from a Suskind patent without specifying which of the two cited Suskind patents 5,512,233 or 5,736,204.

Nevertheless, in an effort to advance prosecution, claim limitations are made above. For example, claim 1 now requires main components of crosslinked and non-crosslinked materials, whereas the cited West patent only discloses materials of conventional pulp fibers and high-bulk additive fibers.

Reconsideration and allowance are, therefore, requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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1. (amended) A In a pulp packing material, the improvements comprising:  
a first layer containing crosslinked pulp as a main component and providing a surface to said packing material for being at an article to be packed therewith; and  
a second layer containing a non-crosslinked material as a main component and providing an opposite outer surface to said packing material.
3. (amended) The pulp packing material according to Claim 1, wherein at least one of said surfaces of said packing material is covered with a film of plastics.
4. (amended) The pulp packing material according to Claim 2, wherein at least one of said surfaces of said packing material is covered with a film of plastics.
5. (amended) A In pulp packing material, the improvements comprising:  
a sheet containing non-crosslinked pulp as a main component and having a first and an opposite second surface; and  
a film of plastics that covers at least one only said first surface of said sheet sufficiently for molding said sheet and film, whereby said film contacts an article and said second surface is an outer surface.
7. (amended) The A method for producing a composite pulp packing material according to Claim 5, wherein molding article, comprising the steps of:  
said producing a first layer is produced in a second mold containing crosslinked pulp as a main component into a shape such that said first layer constitutes an inner surface that

contacts with a packed article in a first mold;

said producing a second layer is produced containing non-crosslinked pulp as a main component into a shape such that said second layer constitutes an outer surface into in a second mold; and

sticking said first and second layers are cramped between said first and second molds and then stuck to each other.

8. (amended) The A method for producing a composite pulp packing material according to claim 5, further molding article, comprising the steps of performing press molding after sticking:

producing a first layer containing crosslinked pulp as a main component;  
producing a second layer containing non-crosslinked pulp as a main;  
forming a pulp packing material by sticking said first and second layers to each other;

and

forming the pulp packing material into a shape such that said first layer constitutes an outer surface, by press molding.

9. (amended) A The method for producing a composite pulp packing material molding article according to claim 7, further comprising the steps of:  
covering at least one surface of a sheet containing non-crosslinked pulp as a main component, with forming a film of plastics; and then, covering said inner surface and/or said outer surface  
heating said sheet.